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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager

SUBJECT: High Desert Power Project (97-AFC-1C)

Staff Response to Comments Regarding Staff Analysis of Proposed Modifications To Condition Soil and Water-4 Regarding Extension of

Water Banking Requirement

Enclosed is the Energy Commission Staff Response to the questions and comments regarding the Staff Analysis (SA), which was issued on May 26, 2006. The SA contains an assessment and recommendations relating to a petition from High Desert Power Project, LLC to amend the High Desert Power Project Decision. The amendment would change condition of certification SOIL & WATER-4 by extending the project's water banking schedule, requiring installation of an ultraviolet disinfection system, and potential installation of a reverse osmosis water treatment system, if needed, to meet the water banking schedule while protecting water quality.

The enclosed Staff Response addresses questions and comments from the public workshop held on July 12, 2006, and written comments that were received within the public comment period which ended on June 26, 2006.

There will be a final opportunity for public input at the Energy Commission Business Meeting scheduled for July 19, 2006.

Enclosure